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Rapid turnover raises questions

If one tries to keep up with the roster of current administration at North Carolina Wesleyan College, one will develop a splitting headache very quickly.

While these may not be profound words of wisdom, they do convey a certain truth about the college. In the past few years, we have seen great turnover in the offices of Vice President of Admissions, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dean of Student Life. What is happening to them?

Some of them have given good reasons for their departures, such as former Dean of Student Life Pam Derrick, who relocated with her husband's work in Virginia. Others have disappeared without a word or a trace, such as Dr. Charles Bennett who had high hopes for his role as Vice President of Academic Affairs until, over the summer, he apparently decided to leave.

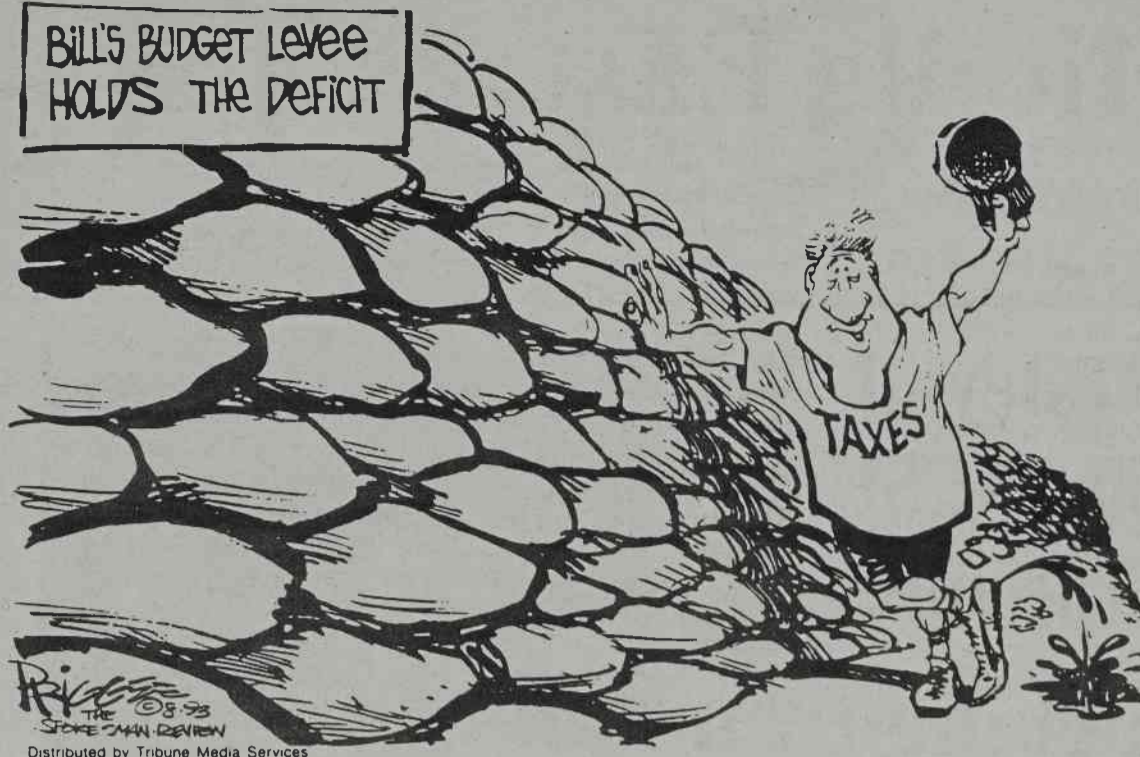
Recently, Steve Pochard has left his role at Admissions in order to pursue other interests, after less than two years in the office.

What is it that is driving these people away? Has the college been choosing administrators without seeing that they can act on Wesleyan's vision for the future? Have they become frustrated with the refusal of certain college members to change with their new ideas?

The campus community deserves to know what is going on, but the administration will not give any straight answers. Perhaps there is some matter too embarrassing in the stories?

Whether the fault lies in the staff, faculty, administration, or in these vanishing members themselves, those who pay tuition to keep this school running are entitled to know what is happening.

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Packing reflects personalities

Trip preparation traumatic

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

I have heard that there are two kinds of people who pack for a trip. One takes hours to select and fold as much as possible into as many suitcases as he dares; the other throws some underwear and a toothbrush into a paper bag. I seem to be a strange hybrid.

I am about to leave for England, and I am surrounded by clothes and books and little travel kits. I wade through socks and shirts and belts that I didn't even know I owned or that I thought I had left at Goodwill. I have notes written to myself, but I cannot find them. I have a brown sock and a yellow sock.

I don't have any razor blades, but I have these little department store samples of cologne that my mother is always sending me because "they pack so easily." I haven't used cologne since danc-

Dr. Steve Muses

ing with Donna Patchens in ninth grade, but I have a strange feeling that when I arrive in London I will have packed these little bottles and forgotten the toothpaste.

When we leave home, we either leave it or try to take it with us. I'm worried that my back will start hurting from soft beds, so I want to take some paraphernalia which will allow me to sleep on a hard surface. I know I cannot really do this, but there it is in the first pile.

I make piles. I go through my stuff and take out what I think will be comfortable and useful on my trip. Now, why would I

own clothes that aren't comfortable and useful? So, the original pile is unrealistic.

Since this looks too daunting, I check again for my passport and tickets and directions to the bed and breakfast. At this point I have put on some loud rock and roll to keep my spirits up.

I make a pile of the reading material that I want to get through on my trip. Maybe I could read all those journals and boring-looking books in my to-be-done pile; you're kind of a prisoner to whatever reading you have with you, right? I'll improve my mind. (I know these will be sprinkled in airport waiting areas from here to London as I tire of carrying trash, but it seems like a good idea at first.)

I slog my way back to the clothes and try to think of color-coordinated outfits, as I am in-

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SGA needs more input, not just complaints

Dear Editor:

I do believe that I have made the most wonderful discovery ever made in Wesleyan history! North Carolina Wesleyan College is actually full of "Insiders," just like the anonymous but outspoken student who once wrote articles in the Decree pointing out all of the injustices of Wesleyan College, its staff, and its students.

Yes, our students actually have opinions and will express them ... though only when asked. Now, I ask you — is this find really so

wonderful after all? Well, maybe there's hope yet!

As part of my presidential duties, I have been visiting with the individual organizations asking them what the feel are some pressing issues where the college is concerned. Granted, I've heard a few remarks that were less than serious. However, for the most part, many of the remarks I've heard have been sincere and quite thought-provoking! In my opinion, this is the way it should be.

Along with these thought-pro-

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voking remarks, however, were may surprising ones as well. "Great!" you're thinking. Well, I'm not so sure. Quite a few of the more serious issues were ones that I've never even been aware of. A lack of insight on my part? Maybe. But I'm wondering why

is it that I'm just now hearing of these? For the life of me, I cannot figure it out.

Why haven't these things been public knowledge before now? Is the SGA, or myself in particular, so unapproachable that you'd rather keep your opinions and ideas to yourselves?

What more can we do? We've used voice mail, memos, and posters to try and communicate. We've even started posting letters on the back of bathroom stalls and now I'm coming to the indi-

vidual organizations asking, even begging, for your opinions. I have even sat down with individual students to chat, but unfortunately my days do not allow me to chat with every single student, faculty, and staff member of this college. Just like you, I am only one individual; only one student who also has classes and homework.

It seems that Wesleyan has three types of people — the ones who say nothing; the ones who

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